

REMARKS

Claims 7-11, 18-22 and 29-33 are presented for consideration, with Claims 7, 9, 18, 20, 29 and 31 being independent.

Claims 7, 9, 29 and 31 have been amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §101, as discussed below.

Initially, Applicant notes with appreciation that Claims 18-22 are allowed.

Claims 7-11 and 29-33 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 for allegedly reciting non-statutory subject matter. In response to this rejection, Claims 7, 9, 29 and 31 have been amended to include a positive recitation of reproducing the rendered graphic object (or image) on a reproduction device, or providing code for such reproduction. These changes are submitted to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §101.

The amendments to the claims were not presented earlier as it was believed that the previously presented claims would be found allowable. This Amendment does not add any additional claims. Moreover, the Examiner's familiarity with the subject matter of the present application will allow an appreciation of the significance of the amendments herein without undue expenditure of time and effort. Finally, the Amendment does not raise new issues requiring further consideration or search, but rather amends the claims in a manner suggested by the Examiner. Accordingly, it is submitted that consideration and entry of the Amendment is appropriate.

Accordingly, it is submitted that Applicant's invention as set forth in independent Claims 7, 9, 18, 20, 29 and 31 is patentable. In addition, dependent Claims 8, 10, 19, 21, 22, 30, 32 and 33 set forth additional features of Applicant's invention. Independent consideration of the dependent claims is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and allowance of this application is deemed to be in order and such action is respectfully requested.

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